

**New Business Item 12-29**

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**TITLE: Verification of Basic Skills and Content Knowledge for Licensure**

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Effective immediately, the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves the following options for verifying basic skills and content knowledge for licensure:

Basic skills may be verified by one of the following options:

- Passing scores on basic skills licensure test adopted by the Board in Reading, Writing and Mathematics; or
- Qualifying scores on SAT **or ACT** Reading and Mathematics sections and passing score on PPST Writing test; or
- Bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;

Content knowledge may be verified by one of the following options:

- Passing score on licensure test adopted by the Board in the content field; or
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in the content field; or
- Content major consisting of a minimum of thirty semester hours in the content field for a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited institution of higher education; or
- A minimum of thirty semester hours in the content field from an accredited institution of higher education, at least fifteen of which must be upper division level; or
- A master's, specialist or doctoral degree in the license field awarded by an accredited institution of higher education;
- **For Elementary Education K-6 licensure a total of thirty-six semester hours, including nine semester hours in each of the following four core content areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. At least three semester hours in each of the core content areas must be upper division level.**

Hawaii teacher, school counselor and school librarian programs may use all of these options for entry and student teaching requirements.

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**Referred to:** Teacher Standards **and Teacher Education** Committees